

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the instant response. Claims 1-24 are cancelled herein without prejudice. Claims 25-41 are new. No new matter is added as a result of the Claim amendments. Claims 25-41 remain pending in the case.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 25-41 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that claims 25-41 are not taught or suggested by the prior art.

Claim 25 recites:

A method for creating a nested role in a tree structured directory server comprising a plurality of entries comprising:

accessing a first role associated with one or more of said plurality of entries wherein said first role comprises a first identifiable attribute and a first distinguished name;

accessing a second role associated with one or more of said plurality of entries wherein said second role comprises a second identifiable attribute and a second distinguished name; and

creating said nested role by encapsulating said first distinguished name and said second distinguished name wherein said nested role comprises said first identifiable attribute and said second identifiable attribute and can be associated with one or more of said plurality of entries.

For example, Hardy et al (US 6,073,242), hereinafter referred to as Hardy, may purport to disclose an authority server that permits users associated with roles to exercise authority, but Hardy fails to teach or suggest “creating a nested role by encapsulating a first distinguished name and a second distinguished name wherein the nested role comprises a first identifiable attribute and a second identifiable attribute and can be associated with one or more of the plurality of entries,” as claimed. Hardy merely teaches using roles to group entries, but Hardy fails to teach or suggest encapsulating roles to create new roles that inherit the attributes of the encapsulated roles, as claimed. Furthermore, Hardy actually teaches away from the claimed limitations of the present invention by teaching “the roles database is optional” as the present invention is applicable to the situation where each person authorized to act for an

enterprise has equal status and therefore there is no point to distinguishing between the roles." (Column 12, lines 19-23). The claimed limitations of the present invention distinguish between roles by defining a "first role comprising a first identifiable attribute and a first distinguished name, and second role comprising a second identifiable attribute and a second distinguished name," as claimed. As such, allowance of claims 25-31 is solicited.

Claims 32-38 correspond respectively to an apparatus for the method of claims 25-31, thus, for the above rational, allowance of claims 25-31 is respectfully solicited. In addition, for the above rational, claims 27-41 is respectfully solicited.


CONCLUSION

In light of the above listed remarks, reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested. Based on the arguments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 25-41 overcome the rejections and objections of record and, therefore, allowance of claims 25-41 is earnestly solicited.

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